



# SOUNDER

# DECEMBER 2005

## COMMODORE'S CORNER

Hello Everyone,

Well, it's that time of the year most of us are running "crazy" trying to finish (or for some of you just starting) your Christmas shopping. But as I make my way through this Holiday Frenzy, I think back over the past year...

We had an awesome boating summer as the weather was great. On top of that, our Club outings were a BLAST (from all accounts, as yes, yes, I know--- I was only at a couple this year).

Kudos to Jeff, our Fleet Captain, and his legend of helpers that did a stand up job for all of us.

To each one of you that helped our Club out---

THANK YOU!!

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## 2005 BRIDGE

Commodore	NANCY HORTON
Vice Commodore	CAROLE MARTIN
Rear Commodore	TONY FRALOWICZ
Fleet Captain	JEFF DEFFEN
Secretary	LYNDA MAREK
Treasurer	CHERYLE JAKINOVICH
Membership	GARY KNAPP
Sunshine Delegate	DEBBIE GIANNICO





## COMMODORE'S CORNER cont'd.

Of course, I want to again say, "Thank You," to our Bridge members, Carole, Tony, Jeff, Lynda, Cheryle, Gary and Debbie for all your hard work throughout this year.

Also to Sam Caracusi for all his year's as our ABYA Delegate.

While I'm handing out my many "thank yous"---a special word for my husband Reggie. Without you, I could not have done the job--as you have always been there for me when I needed strong arms or someone to talk to.

Thank you, babe.



Lastly, I want to say that being on the Bridge was a challenge in many ways. But, the one thought that remained a constant---we have a wonderful group of people that make up our club and being able to spend time with you is truly a blessing.

With that, may all of you have a blessed Holiday!!

**NANCY**

## NOTES FROM THE VICE

I sat at my computer after the November meeting with a feeling of concern. Why such a dismal turn out? Have we failed to spark the interest of the body of the club? Has the recent downturn in the economy made everyone's thoughts turn from boating? Was it just a fluke, perhaps related to the Holiday rush? Hopefully we will see each other at the December meeting in great spirits and in great numbers!

It was decided at the meeting that there would not be an adult Christmas gift exchange. The big, fat man with the long white beard will make an appearance, so please bring a gift for Santa to give to your child. Mark it with a clear, easy to read tag.

As usual the club will provide the meat for the main course. *Please bring a dish to pass.* The meal will be served after the meeting. This meeting will have the election of officers in several positions including the new Assistant Fleet Captain position.

Debbie Giannico will be accepting your new, donated bottles of liquor for the "Chests of Cheer" prizes for the Ball. Please bag or cover these and respect the law that liquor can not be brought into the VFW. If you are bringing donated prizes, tape a business card or label the donor in some manner on the gift.  
(These also go to Debbie.)

Linda Mays has volunteered to be the "Sunshine Delegate" for 2006. Thank you Linda.

We are also seeking someone to replace Debbie G. in her role as the "Fan Out Phone Call" person.

Sam Caracusi has retired his position as ABYA delegate. We are looking for a Past Commodore who would like to fill this spot for 2006 at this meeting.

See Larry Aliotta for Commodore's Ball tickets \$60.00 each or \$120.00 a couple. Raffle tickets are being handled by Louise Knapp and Jackie Szczyniak.

**SELL! SELL! SELL!**

The picture board will be handled by Brian Fox, please provide him with your "Good Ones". If you have a new boat picture, bring it for Brian to add to the board.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I am looking forward to sharing some Christmas Cheer with our club members at this meeting and party.

Ho, ho, ho,  
CAROLE

## FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Happy belated Thanksgiving to all. Hope your holiday was a good one. It sure was a nice day here at the Deffen house. I think that cold snap put us all in shock. We are not quite acclimated for this cold weather just yet. Probably a little spoiled from the great summer and fall we experienced this past year. However, this is Michigan and I know some of us are awaiting a measurable amount of snow to take our sleds for a blast. We bought Corey a snowmobile last year and he does his snow dance on a daily basis! I am still holding onto fond memories of spending warm, sunny Sunday afternoons in Muscamoot Bay relaxing ..... ah.....just a memory now!

I would like to take this opportunity to give a very heartfelt "Thank You" to all who participated in making this past year as your Fleet Captain a great year for me. All the help and volunteering was greatly appreciated. I could not have done it without you. The participation is what makes this boat club click. Thank you again!

I look forward to seeing all of you at our Christmas Party Sunday, Dec. 11, 2005.

JEFF DEFFEN  
Fleet Captain  
2005

## RAMBLINGS FROM THE REAR



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone.

The year is about to come to a close, how the time flies. It seems as we get older the years go by faster. Two Thousand Five brought us some very good times. We acquired some new members, and have lost some very dear friends. We hope that the ones who have left the club will still try and participate in some manner. You are always welcome to join us in our activities.

The year ahead is already starting to take shape with our new Fleet Captain planning some new outings. Gary has almost finalized the float plan with some exciting new destinations for us. Carole has the Commodore's Ball well in hand. Please try and sell tickets to the Ball, and raffle. The more sales we have the better off the club will be.

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RAMBLINGS FROM THE REAR, cont'd.

Before we know it, the time will come for us to prep the boats for the spring launch. Hopefully Santa will bring some of you a new boat, or at least some new equipment for your present one.

This is my last Sounder, and I must say that it has been enjoyable putting together the articles every month. I hope that everyone has enjoyed the new format. All the credit has to go to my wife, Sue, as she has been the one to put the newsletters together. All I did was to write my articles. I especially liked the colorizing, I hope you did also. I am sure that when Jeff Deffen takes over he will have some great ideas to add in the future. Hope to see all of you at the Christmas Party.

TONY FRALOWICZ  
Rear Commodore 2005

## SUNSHINE REPORT

It's been a rewarding year.

Next edition may have someone else in this spot, but it's been VERY rewarding for me.



See you at the meetings.  
DEBBIE G.  
Sunshine Chairperson 2005

## DECEMBER

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

5 - RALPH & DORIS SOLECKI  
23 - DEWEY & VAL PUGH

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

2 - PETE WUESTENBERG  
LARRY MARTIN  
6 - WALLY BRIEGER  
11 - SHARON GIRGENTI



**CHRISTMAS PARTY MEETING:**  
**Sunday, Dec. 11 th**  
**1 PM @ VFW Hall**